

INTERVIEW

Also, we are standing up Air Defense airspace management [ADAM] cells in the modular BCTs [brigade combat teams] and divisions. The cells analyze the fight from the perspective of the third dimension, and for the brigade and division commanders, they provide airspace situational awareness and manage the commanders' airspace.

Right now, the ADAM cell is not in the BCT's FEC [fires and effects cell] or the division's JFEC [joint FEC]. In the BCTs, they work in the S3 shops, and in the divisions, they work in the TACs [tactical command posts]. Could the FEC or JFEC be the place for the ADAM cell in the future? Maybe.

Q What message would you like to send Field and Air Defense Artillerymen stationed around the world?

A Historically, we're out of the same branch, the Artillery, because the Army needed people smart enough to compute mathematical solutions for a variety of targets and firing assets in multiple dimensions. At the same time, the Artilleryman had to be pretty tough to handle powder bags and shells and wrestle the guns into positions to engage the enemy. So, from our common stock of smart, tough warriors, we've got a great future ahead of us.

The NetFires Center of Excellence will be an *exciting* place to be.

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Texas, where he also served as Deputy Commanding General in an earlier tour. His previous assignment was as the Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff of the Army Accessions Command, Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia. He also served as the Deputy Commanding General for the Army Space Command/Deputy Commanding General for Operations in the Army Space and Missile Defense Command, both in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He commanded the 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade at Fort Bliss; and the 1st Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery (1-2 ADA), an Avenger battalion organic to the 108th Brigade at Fort Stewart, Georgia. He deployed to Saudi Arabia as the Executive Officer for 4-43 ADA (Patriot) for Operation Determined Resolve. He holds two master's degrees, including one in National Security Strategy from the National War College in Washington, DC.

2005 Hamilton Award Winner

B/2-162 FA, 192nd SIB, PRANG

Battery, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Field Artillery (B/2-162 FA), Puerto Rico Army National Guard (PRARNG), has won the Alexander Hamilton Best ARNG Battery Award for 2005. Captain Jose J. Cruzado commands the battery with NCO leader First Sergeant Jorge Diaz. Bravo Battery has performed extremely well and clearly will maintain its excellent attitude and motivation for future missions. 2-162 FA supports the 92nd Separate Infantry Brigade (SIB).

Named for Alexander Hamilton, a Revolutionary War artilleryman and American statesman, the Hamilton Award was established in 2002. It annually recognizes a high-performing ARNG battery based on specific criteria and a performance narrative. (For more information, see the website "Knox, Hamilton and Gruber Awards" at <http://sill-www.army.mil/awards/default.htm>.)

B/2-162 FA is Number One in Quality Force Indicator (QFI) percentages for 2005, a measure of unit readiness in the National Guard. For example, the battery's reenlistment rate was 99 percent—thanks to the participation of the unit's families. One hundred percent of the battery's personnel are military occupational specialty qualified (MOSQ).

Because of their high motivation, B/2-162 FA's Soldiers are well trained and take responsibilities leading to promotions. The unit's promotions include one staff sergeant promoted to sergeant first class, five sergeants promoted to staff sergeant, and five specialists promoted to sergeant. Also, 18 Soldiers earned Army Achievement Medals this past year.

B Battery has consistently "gone the extra mile" and won the Best Firing Unit for two consecutive years at Annual Training (AT) 2004 and AT 2005 at Camp Blanding, Florida. During AT, B Battery conducted realistic and relevant training as a team.

B Battery also earned the Best Unit in Administration award during 2005.

All Soldiers maintain the Army and civilian values. These values help develop a cohesive, well prepared and motivated team that can accomplish any mission.

The Soldiers have unique pride and are as committed to equipment readiness as they are to Soldier readiness. Five areas were inspected during a command maintenance evaluation team (COMET) inspection by the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (DCSLOG) on 13 October. During the



B/2-162 FA live fires during Annual Training 2005 in Florida.

battery's inspection, all five areas were in compliance with Army and local inspection standards with four of those areas deemed commendable. This kind of result is always a team effort.

During 2005, the battery was involved in several non-mission-essential task list (METL) missions. One of these missions included supporting security units and helping to build schools in Nicaragua in April. Then, B Battery deployed to Europe to secure Air Force bases in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). B Battery Soldiers also were involved in support and security operations for areas affected by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Louisiana.

B Battery, with its high-performing Soldiers and leaders, will lead the battalion to win in combat.